renaing power project for Economically backward regions

3788. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:

SHRI SURENDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the total number of Power projects awaiting central clearance for the economically backward regions of the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that right from 13th March, 1986 Purli Station (2x210 MW) capacity-420 MW is pending with the Central Government for approval;

(c) what are the reasons for the delay; and

(d) by when it is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP-NATH RAI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Ash utilisation by N.T.P.C.

3789. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state the achievements of Ash Utilisation Division of N.T.P.C?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP-NATH RAI): Some of the achievements of the ash utilisation division of NTPC are as under:—

(i) At Badarpur Power Station, action has been taken to set up Dry Fly Ash Extraction System by a private entrepreneur and for supply of 250 MT of dry ash per day for manufacture of Areated Auto-claved Concrete products. 4 entrepreneurs have been selected for setting up of brick manufacturing units using fly ash. An agreement has been entered into with National Research & Development Corporation (NRDC for transfer and exploitation of technology/process know-how for manufacturing of fly ash bricks and other products.

(ii) For bulk utilisation of ash at Dadri Power Station, preliminary discussions have been held With a leading cement manufacturer for setting up a fly ash cement plant and manufacturing of other fly ash based products.

(iii) Approximately 2,00,000 cum. of Ash has been utilised as core em bankment material for raising of exist ing ash dykes at Korba STPS.

(iv) Action has been taken for setting up of a Building Centre at Dadri In association with HUDCO and Build-ing Material & Technology Promotion Council'.

(v) Discussion have been held with two leading private absestos sheet ma-nufacturing units for use of fly ash in the manufacture of absestos.

(vi) Studies were undertaken with assistance of Regional Research Labo-ratlry, Bhopal to produce clay fry ash bricks at Rihand. Clay fly ash bricks blocks were produced and used in structures such a enbry posts, etc.

Esatblishment of an Energy Commission

3790. SHRT SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish on Enerey Comnv'ssion to deal with the policy formulation, monitoring and other related aspects of energy, planning, pricing, production, d'stribution, conservation, technology development (R&D) etc, effectively;

(b) if so, at what stage of consideration the proposal stands at present; and

(c) by when it is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP-NATH RAI): (a) No Sir, there is no